

To: 'Stephens, James W. (ATSDR/DTHHS/OD)'[jws9@cdc.gov]
From: Strausbaugh, Dan
Sent: Mon 8/10/2015 5:53:50 PM
Subject: RE: Talking points and draft consultation for Gold King Mining release.

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Jimmy,

I don't believe I received a copy of the final "talking points w/the final health consult. Should I check w/Larry, or would you prefer to f/u with him ?

Dan

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▽ The remaining five sample locations showed a downward trend in the elevated metals.

- The Animas River is an open water source and not considered potable until it has been properly treated, with that said we expect that people are not drinking the water directly from the river.

- The sampling collection information identifies areas with an orange discoloration at the areas with lower pH and detected metals. It would be advisable to avoid areas with orange discoloration in the river water.

- ATSDR does not anticipate adverse health effects from exposure to the metals detected in the river water samples from skin contact or incidental (unintentional) ingestion.

- Washing with soap and water after contact with the river water is a sound public health practice to minimize exposure to the metals, and also any bacteria that maybe present in the untreated river water.

- Anyone who feels illness as a result of exposure to metals or pathogenic organisms in the river water should contact their local health care provider.

- If local health care providers have questions they can contact the ATSDR Regional Office at 303-312-7013. ATSDR's Regional Office can arrange a consultation between the health care provider and ATSDR physician.

This consult is for the Health Department and to aid in development of their fact sheet.

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From: Stephens, James W. (ATSDR/DTHHS/OD) [mailto:jws9@cdc.gov]
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2015 11:37 AM
To: Strausbaugh, Dan
Subject: Re: Talking points and draft consultation for Gold King Mining release.

Thanks! I didn't realize this was the final version.

On Aug 10, 2015, at 1:34 PM, Strausbaugh, Dan C. (EPA) (CDC epa.gov)
<strausbaugh.dan@epa.gov> wrote:

Jimmy,

Per your request, please note the attached copy of the talking points Larry Cseh prepared with the draft health consult. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Dan

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From: Stephens, James W. (ATSDR/DTHHS/OD) [mailto:jws9@cdc.gov]
Sent: Saturday, August 08, 2015 3:50 PM
To: Strausbaugh, Dan

Subject: Re: Talking points and draft consultation for Gold King Mining release.

I just sent Pat's comments. Trying to figure out how to see them myself without power!

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 8, 2015, at 5:48 PM, "Strausbaugh, Dan C. (EPA) (CDC epa.gov)" <strausbaugh.dan@epa.gov> wrote:

FYI—ATSDR/R8 staff have occupied the regional office all day today associated with this event and are splitting time between the regional office and the EPA/R8/EOC. The EPA media event in Durango is apparently underway.....Has Pat provided any indication about how much longer his review/approval will take ? EPA has indicated they would like an ATSDR rep to travel to Durango to work on public health messages with the SJBHD.

Thanks,

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Sent: Saturday, August 08, 2015 3:21 PM

To: Cseh, Larry (ATSDR/DTHHS/OD); Strausbaugh, Dan

Subject: Re: Talking points and draft consultation for Gold King Mining release.

Still waiting on Pat's comments. Mine will be minor.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 8, 2015, at 4:06 PM, "Cseh, Larry (ATSDR/DTHHS/OD)" <loc3@cdc.gov> wrote:

Jimmy,

After making the edits provided by Reg VIII, I've attached the draft consult for your consideration. I've also attached the data table to be attached to the consult when sent to the San Juan Basin Health Department. Below are the talking points you requested. Let me and Dan know if you need anything else. I think REG VIII would like to share with EPA before transmitting to the HD.

Larry

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